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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 1997)

Docket No. R97-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
CORRECTION TO INTERROGATORY OCA/USPS-13
September 2, 1997

Interrogatory OCA/USPS-13e., filed August 29, 1997, contains an incorrect citation. OCA was attempting to compare total volume variable costs for Special Fourth Class Rate as reported in the FY 1996 CRA with the base year in the instant proceeding (Exhibit USPS-5A, i.e., "5A"). However, the CRA was cited twice and the citation to "5A" was omitted. Please substitute the corrected version of OCA/USPS-13 for the incorrect version filed previously.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-13. Please confirm that the following figures may be found in the CRA for FY 1996 (filed with the Commission on June 6, 1997; hereinafter "CRA") and the Cost Segments and Components for base year 1996 (filed in the instant proceeding as Exhibit USPS-5A; hereinafter "5A").

- a. total volume variable costs for special fourth-class rate (hereinafter "SFCR") of \$248.3 million (CRA). If you do not confirm, please provide the correct figure.
- b. total volume variable costs for SFCR of \$226.5 million (5A). If you do not confirm, please provide the correct figure.
- c. total volume variable costs for library rate (hereinafter "LR") of \$52 million (CRA). If you do not confirm, please provide the correct figure.
- d. total volume variable costs for LR of \$47.8 million (5A). If you do not confirm, please provide the correct figure.

Also, confirm that the following calculations may be made from figures cited in parts

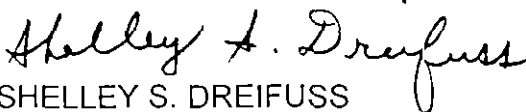
a. - d. above:

- e. the difference between total volume variable costs for SFCR (CRA) and total volume variable costs for SFCR (5A) is:
 $248.3 - 226.5 = 21.8$; i.e., a decline in the total volume variable costs for SFCR of \$21.8 million from CRA to 5A. If you do not confirm, please provide alternative, correct calculations.
- f. the difference between total volume variable costs for LR (CRA) and total volume variable costs for LR (5A) is:
 $52 - 47.8 = 4.2$; i.e., a decline in the total volume variable costs for LR of \$4.2 million. If you do not confirm, please provide alternative, correct calculations.

- g. the ratio of the decline in SFCR total volume variable costs to the decline in LR total volume variable costs is $21.8 \div 4.2 = 519\%$. If you do not confirm, please provide alternative, correct calculations

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.


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